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JEFFERSON CITY ATTORNEY PLEADS GUILTY TO CHILD PORN

JEFFERSON CITY, Mo. – Bradley J. Schlozman, United States Attorney for the Western District of Missouri, announced that a Jefferson City, Mo., attorney pleaded guilty in federal court today to possessing and attempting to distribute child pornography.

Bruce Henwood Truesdale, 54, of Jefferson City, pleaded guilty before U.S. District Judge Scott O. Wright to all of the charges contained in a June 20, 2005, federal indictment.

Truesdale admitted that he was in possession of computer files containing child pornography on Aug. 26, 2004. **Truesdale** also admitted that he attempted to distribute child pornography over the Internet from at least as early as Sept. 19, 2003, and continuing to Aug. 26, 2004.

“This offense involved thousands of images of child pornography on the defendant’s home computer,” Schlozman said. “By downloading scores of images and videos using file sharing programs, then offering to share images with other online users, he contributed to the victimization of these young children.”

By pleading guilty today, **Truesdale** also agreed to forfeit to the government any property used to commit the alleged offense, including a Dell Dimension personal computer and any material containing child pornography.

Under federal statutes, **Truesdale** could be subject to a mandatory minimum sentence of five years in federal prison without parole, up to 40 years in federal prison without parole, plus a fine up to \$500,000. A sentencing hearing will be scheduled after the completion of a presentence investigation by the United States Probation Office.

This case is being prosecuted by Assistant U.S. Attorney Jim Lynn. It was investigated by

the Regional Computer Crimes Education and Enforcement Group of St. Louis, the Missouri State Highway Patrol and the Federal Bureau of Investigation.

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